

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

--Suitable bacterial strains are, for example, chosen from those which are described in ~~European Application 97202900.3~~ EP-A-0 904 784 in the name of the Applicant. Other possible probiotics are the *Pediococci*, *Propionibacteria* or *Leuconostoc* species. The *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium* genera and combinations thereof are to be preferred.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

--The administration forms of the preparations according to the invention are as a rule analogous to those which have been described in ~~European Application 97202900.3~~ EP-A-0 904 784 in the name of the Applicant, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. In this context it must be pointed out that according to the present invention also only one probiotic microorganism (including a yeast) can be present and that in addition to the one or more probiotic microorganisms one or more oligosaccharides can also be incorporated, in the quantities specified above.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

--The preparations according to the present invention can, among others, be administered in the form of a nutritional

supplement, total nutrition and clinical nutrition. Reference is likewise made to ~~European Application 97202900.3~~ EP-A-0 904 784 for the specific additives which are added to such foods and the preparation and applications of such foods.--

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

--The preparations described above can be used for the same applications as those described in ~~European Application 97202900.3~~ EP-A-0 904 784 in the name of the Applicant, in particular in the treatment of disorders of the intestines, such as ~~diarrhoea~~ diarrhea, such as can arise when travelling or after treatment with antibiotics, or which results from food poisoning. Another application is in the treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), such as colitis ulcerosa and Crohn's disease. The preparations according to the invention are also suitable for patients who have a food allergy, such as an allergy to cow's milk or to gluten.--